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Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the maximum amount qualifying student veterans are eligible for is the in-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher education. In California, however, if a student veteran (or a veteran's dependent who is eligible to utilize the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefit) doesn't meet the requirements for in-state residency, they must pay the difference in tuition out of their own pocket, which in many cases forces these students to look outside of California for their college education.

Assembly Bill 13, sponsored by Assemblyman and retired Marine Corps Colonel Rocky Chavez, R-Oceanside, would allow all recently discharged, released or retired members of the armed forces to qualify for in-state tuition rates at any California Community College, California State University or University of California. This is the same incentive that, since 2001, California has offered to undocumented, non-U.S. Citizens.

AB 13 would waive the residency requirement until the student obtains California residency status, typically one year. Estimates show that each veteran attending school full time using their GI Bill, would bring a minimum of \$20,000 per year of federal money to California. Nationally, 23 states currently offer similar residency waivers.

On Monday, August 13th AB 13 was heard in Senate Appropriations and placed in the suspense file. The committee has until the end of August to consider the suspense file items and either pass or hold on to them.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee in support of AB 13 and urging the Committee to move this bill forward to allow veterans to qualify for the same in-state tuition rates currently extended to all qualifying California students.

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